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SUBJECT: BOMB EXPLODES NEAR BUS STOP IN ISTANBUL

1. (SBU) Summary. On Friday, 11/18/05 at approximately 1830 hours a bomb exploded near a bus stop in the Buyukcekmece District of Istanbul. One person was killed and as many as twelve have been reported injured. Two vehicles were reported damaged in the explosion. The police suspect the PKK to be responsible for the bombing.

2. (U) On Friday, 11/18/05 a bomb exploded inside of a garbage can near a bus stop approximately 200 meters from the main entrance to the Tatilya Entertainment Center (amusement park) in the Beylikduzu neighborhood of the Buyukcekmece District of Istanbul. The site of the bombing is approximately 15 kilometers west of Ataturk International airport. At approximately 1850 hours, a member of the Air Postal Office in Istanbul drove by the scene and telephoned the RSO to report. The APO member reported seeing a mangled automobile several ambulances and numerous Gendarme troops at the scene. The explosion was later reported in the media and confirmed by the Governor's office.

3. (SBU) According to the media the Istanbul Governor's office reported that the IED was composed of A-4 and was detonated by a remote control device. The Turkish National Police Chief of the Buyukcekmece District advised the security staff that the Gendarme is conducting the investigation and that the PKK is suspected in the attack.

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